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At the Budget Deliberations held June 18, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called for consideration:

Order such revisions, additions, and changes to the Chief Administrative Officer's budget recommendations as deemed necessary

The Board took various actions as indicated below and ordered such revisions, additions, and changes to the Chief Administrative Officer's budget recommendations as deemed necessary.

7.1

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"The issue of illegal food vendors is a Countywide problem affecting communities throughout the 88 cities and the 134 unincorporated. The Department of Public Health has the responsibility to investigate and enforce California Health and Safety Codes on all mobile food vehicles in the County, including illegal food vendors.

"Recent studies have shown the negative implications which may be created by citizens consuming food prepared under unsanitary conditions or unsafe food practices. Many of the vendors lack the appropriate health permits and do not practice adequate hygiene when preparing food, including fruit.

"Though illegal food vendor sweeps are conducted as often as possible, limited resources and lack of staffing have hindered the amount of sweeps necessary to curb this public health threat. In many communities, the height of activity for illegal vendors is during the evenings and weekends."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$80,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to Public Health for increased illegal vendor sweeps on evenings and weekends throughout the Antelope Valley, and \$90,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to Public Health for a vehicle to transport illegal vending carts.

7.2

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County has the highest concentration of seniors in California. The Community and Senior Services Department's (CSS) current nutrition program is designed to provide one meal per day for seniors 60 and older in Los Angeles County. There are currently two nutrition programs. Congregate and Home Delivered meals combined provide about 2.1 million meals per year. The County provides about 1.3 million congregate meals served annually at roughly 110 sites throughout the County. The County provides about 800,000 home delivered meals through 130 routes throughout the County. These programs are funded entirely by the State and Federal governments.

“According to a survey conducted in April 2007, the County has approximately 600 seniors on waiting lists for meals. While Federal and State funding for the meal programs have basically remained the same for several years, meal costs have significantly increased due to significant increases in the costs for gasoline, food, and labor. Nevertheless, the rise in the aging population without additional funding means the waiting list for meals will grow even larger.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back within 60 days on:

1. Developing a plan to address the senior meal program on a Countywide basis; and
2. Working with Federal and State advocates to provide cost of doing business adjustments that will eliminate the waiting lists.

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7.3

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“William S. Hart was a silent-screen cowboy film star at the beginning of the century. In the 1920's, he commissioned Arthur Kelly to build him a mansion in Newhall. When he died he left his home and the surrounding land to the County of Los Angeles to be operated and maintained as a public park and museum.

“The grounds of the 260 acre estate are operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Hart's mansion is operated as a museum by the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. The museum boasts of an impressive collection of western themed art. It holds oil paintings, watercolors, ink drawings and bronze sculptures done by such notable artists as Charles Russell, Joe De Young, Charles Christadoro and Frederic Remington. Along with this, the museum contains countless movie props from the 1920's and authentic Native American artifacts.

“Over the years, the mansion and its collections have deteriorated and require significant renovations to preserve them for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board allocated \$200,000 to the Museum of Natural History to be used for collection conservation projects, and \$1,000,000 to Extraordinary Maintenance budget, on behalf of the Department of Parks and Recreation to be used for deferred maintenance projects at the William S. Hart Museum from the Fifth District's various capital projects account.

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7.4

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Often times, County residents approach the Board of Supervisors with complaints about the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), which should have been raised during Dependency Court hearings, and which may have influenced the Court's decision in a particular case. Although the Board of Supervisors does hold DCFS accountable for failure to appropriately apply child welfare laws in case management, the Board does not intervene in DCFS' recommendations to Dependency Court; does not direct DCFS to make particular decisions in any individual case; and can not change court orders or direct Dependency Court in any way. Yet the need remains to ensure greater accountability to County residents who appeal to the Board with complaints about child abuse and neglect cases.

“In August 2002, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a motion that directed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to examine a new mechanism to achieve an objective review of citizen complaints concerning the County's handling of child abuse and neglect cases. This included the possibility of restructuring the existing Children's Group Home Ombudsman's Office, which is located within the Office of the Auditor-Controller and takes complaints from youth in group homes. The restructured Ombudsman's Office was to include at least one Ombudsman in each District or Service Planning Area who would review these matters and respond to families in a timely, respectful and unbiased manner.

“In 2002, DCFS created a centralized Office of the Ombudsman utilizing existing DCFS personnel. In 2005, DCFS redirected those personnel to performing other duties within the Department. As of today, the County does not have an Office of the Children's Services Ombudsman that is administratively separated from staff providing services to families to review citizen complaints and make recommendations for legislative or systemic change, specifically separating out and collaborating with Dependency Court on improving those circumstances impacted by the quality of legal representation.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with County Counsel, to report back within 30 days on the feasibility of establishing an independent Office of the Children's Services Ombudsman with a clear chain of command utilizing existing qualified staff within the Departments of Children and Family Services and Auditor-Controller.

7.5

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals Programs are a critical component of the services for the elderly and disabled populations throughout Los Angeles County. The Department of Community and Senior Services which administers these programs indicates that high demand and need by the public have resulted in substantial waitlists for this service throughout the County. Given the rising cost of food and several other growing challenges facing these two vulnerable populations, I am committed toward expanding funding for this program in order to eliminate the waitlist in the Second Supervisorial District."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$201,450 in ongoing funding from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Department of Community and Senior Services budget for elimination of current waitlists in the Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals Programs in the Second Supervisorial District.

In addition, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Community and Senior Services to jointly report back with detailed information reflecting any progress made in the elimination of such waitlists, prior to the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board reconsidered the aforementioned motion and referred the matter back to Supervisor Burke.

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7.6

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Given the growing demands on law enforcement personnel, the use of technology has become more important than ever in order to effectively combat crime throughout Los Angeles County. An essential tool in the war against crime is the expanded use of video surveillance equipment to identify and prosecute criminals. Specifically, the Sheriff’s Department is implementing the Automatic Surveillance and Protection (ASAP) Program which includes video surveillance, gunshot detection and automated vehicle license recognition technologies. While these systems are largely automated, the addition and full funding of one additional personnel position at the Sheriff’s Department is essential in order to ensure their adequate maintenance and continued effectiveness.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$160,000 in ongoing funding from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Sheriff’s Department to fund one Information Systems Manager I personnel position for purposes of maintaining the Automatic Surveillance and Protection Program.

In addition, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work in concert with the Sheriff to jointly report back on any progress made in filling the Information Systems Manager I position, prior to the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

7.7

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Family Place Libraries create opportunities for promoting literacy and fostering development skills for our youngest population. Family Place centers provide a welcoming space for babies, toddlers, and parents to access resources and materials that emphasize reading readiness and parent education, as well as developmentally appropriate programming with experts in the field of child health and development. Family Place has successfully demonstrated that good health, early learning, parent involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children’s growth and development.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$120,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Public Library Department's budget for expansion of the Family Place Program at the Compton, Culver City and Lawndale Libraries.

In addition, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer and County Librarian to jointly report back with the status of progress made toward expansion of the Family Place Program at the Compton, Culver City and Lawndale Libraries, prior to the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

7.8

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"Title VI of the Federal Civil Rights Acts states that any entities that receive Federal monies must provide meaningful access to services regardless of race, ethnicity, or nationality, including language services.

"In accordance, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky introduced a motion in June 2002 that was unanimously passed by the Board to instruct the Director of Health Services to finalize and integrate the Cultural and Linguistic Competency Standard with the Department's redesign system. Furthermore, in April 2006 the Board approved the new classification of 'Health Care Interpreter.'

"As of current, these positions that exist to service Limited English Proficient patients Countywide are ordinance only, and are not being filled by the Department of Health Services."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Health Services to identify a potential funding source for the funding of existent Health Care Interpreter positions at a level that will adequately serve the needs of the County's Limited English Proficient population and present a recommendation on an appropriate funding level and program implementation in time for consideration of any Fiscal Year 2007-08 supplemental budget changes in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Knabe:

“Earlier this month, Standard and Poor’s (S&P) Ratings Services raised its rating on Los Angeles County’s lease debt and pension obligation bonds to ‘A+’ from ‘A’ and assigned its ‘AA-’ issuer credit rating to the County. According to the S&P, “The upgrade reflects the County’s improved long-term general credit worthiness. The outlook is stable, reflecting a strong economy, low debt...and good fund balances, which have shown gradual growth over the last several years.” Over the past decade, the Board has exercised fiscal restraint and responsibility, and these improved ratings are clear evidence of that.

“Still, there is room for improvement, and one of the most significant areas of potential liability is retiree health. While the County’s pension system is largely funded, the same is not the case for the retiree medical, dental/vision and life insurance, also known as Other Post Employment Benefits, or OPEB. Historically, the County has paid for benefits covering employees in the LACERA pension plan on a pay-as-you-go basis, paying for benefits accrued in the *past* for employees as they retire. As a result, according to the May 2007 actuarial report conducted by Milliman Consultants and Actuaries, Los Angeles County has an accrued liability in the range of \$12.3 billion to \$13 billion.

“While the Board recently began to set aside a small amount of funds for retiree health, there is no fiscal policy in place to prefund OPEB benefits. Prefunding involves paying for benefits for *current* employees as they are earned in addition to an annual amount necessary to pay off any *past* unfunded liability over a given number of years. Prefunding retiree health would allow the investment return on monies set aside to pay for a major portion of future costs. Furthermore, continuing to operate on a pay-as-you-go basis would only compound the problem, making it more difficult to address in the future – especially given high rates of health care inflation. Early attention may allow the County to avoid serious future financial problems.

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“To begin addressing these future liabilities, the Board has established a Committee comprised of the Chief Administrative Office, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Auditor Controller, the Service Employees International Union and the Coalition of County Unions to develop and make joint labor-management advisory recommendations to mitigate and control future retiree health costs.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to review and prepare an analysis of the recommendations prepared by the Committee (comprised of the Chief Administrative Office, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Auditor Controller, the Service Employees International Union and the Coalition of County Unions) established to develop and make joint labor management advisory recommendations to mitigate and control future retiree health costs, and report back at the meeting in September when the 2007-2008 Supplemental Budget will be discussed

7.10

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Burke:

“Due to the rise in methamphetamine (meth) use among drug users in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors on September 16, 2006 instructed the Department of Public Health’s Alcohol and Drug Program Administration and Office of AIDS Programs and Policy and the Department of Mental Health to develop a comprehensive strategy for prevention and treatment of meth use. In response to the Board’s instruction, the Department of Public Health issued a report on April 10, 2007 substantiating meth use as a public health problem in Los Angeles County predominantly among adolescents, women ages 18 to 40 and men who have sex with men (MSM).

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“Of particular concern is the alarming upward trend in admissions for adolescents with meth as their primary drug use since 2000, where most adolescents were enrolled in outpatient treatment (81.8%) compared to residential treatment (18.2%). Even more disturbing is the higher prevalence of meth use relative to other drug use among girls than boys, as reflected in the dramatic increase of meth abuse in the Asian American (in particular Filipinos) and young (age 18 to 25) Latina populations. Furthermore, girls and young women develop a dependency on the drug at a quicker rate, and experience the negative effects of meth use earlier than boys and young men.

“The report outlines meth prevention, intervention and treatment strategies for target populations to be implemented in the event additional funds become available. The Department of Public Health suggests that a Countywide meth strategy composed of the following elements could cost \$18.6 million dollars:

- Outreach programs in early intervention and treatment of persons who may be difficult to reach or underserved such as young adults (especially MSM, Hispanic/Latino, homeless, drug offenders and casual drug users) and pregnant and/or sexually active women ages 18 to 40 including those who are homeless, drug offenders, spouses of drug users and/or drug offenders, and Asian women and Latinas;
- A six-month residential treatment program to treat 720 meth-injecting users per year; and
- A full spectrum of treatment services for the MSM population.

“Although the County has limited resources and the implementation of the proposed meth program is costly, the Department of Public Health and the Chief Administrative Officer should consider a measured approach for addressing this public health problem.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Public Health to prepare a report with recommendations for a proposed program covering the following and submit recommendations in time for consideration at the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed:

1. Identify potential funding source for implementation of a meth prevention, intervention and treatment program for the target populations as outlined in the April 10, 2007 report;
2. Consider in the proposed program high risk populations such as young adult females, and explore early intervention and prevention strategies that include, but are not limited to, school based outreach and intervention; and
3. Consider the allocation of additional outreach funds for difficult to reach or underserved populations, including young adults.

7.11

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“On November 3, 2004, the Board of Supervisors established the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) to improve educational outcomes for youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, allocating funds to assist ECC in the development of a Blueprint plan. By February 2006, ECC completed and the Board approved the landmark plan, Expecting More: A Blueprint for Raising the Educational Achievement of Foster and Probation Youth.

“Over the past year, the ECC has made significant progress to achieve the Blueprint’s twelve recommendations. As a result, in June, 2006, the Board allocated an additional \$185,000 for three early childhood education and youth development consultants to continue implementation. At that time, ECC also made a commitment to seek outside funding sources.

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“Since then, the ECC has made good on their promise, applying for a \$450,000 grant from the Keck Foundation and a \$200,000 grant from the Weingart Foundation. Both foundations are requesting a significant public sector investment, and to date, the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department have each agreed to allocate \$50,000 toward this important effort for Fiscal Year 2007-08. To demonstrate our continued commitment to this public-private partnership, the Board of Supervisors should consider providing a final allocation in the amount of \$100,000 to help secure these two grants. If awarded, the public and private grants together would fully fund ECC’s remaining efforts to complete implementation of the Blueprint plan over the next two years.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to identify options for providing the \$100,000 needed to leverage private funding sources necessary for the Education Coordinating Council to complete implementation of the Blueprint Plan, and report back on the funding options during the meeting in September when the 2007-2008 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

7.12

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Antonovich:

“On January 16, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved a Countywide Energy and Environmental Policy, establishing, among other things, the goal of reducing energy consumption in County buildings by 20 percent by the year 2015. To meet this goal, the Internal Services Department (ISD) administers programs to conserve electricity and natural gas by optimizing building systems and implementing energy efficiency projects.

“ISD is also responsible for providing routine building maintenance for many of the County’s buildings and for developing a deferred maintenance list of the building maintenance, repair and system upgrade projects that are postponed or deferred until funding becomes available. For these buildings, a deferred maintenance listing of repair projects is prepared annually. Currently, the list includes projects valued at more than \$180 million.

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“In 2001, ISD developed a methodology for prioritizing the list of deferred maintenance projects, called the Deferred Maintenance Prioritizer (DMP). The DMP provides the Department with an objective and consistent approach to addressing the County backlog of maintenance projects. The DMP takes into consideration criteria such as those listed below:

- Life expectancy of the equipment
- Predicted time to equipment failure
- Effect of equipment failure
- Time required to repair equipment

“A factor that is currently not considered when prioritizing the deferred maintenance list is the reduction of energy consumption, and the savings generated as a result of the repair or system upgrade. Including such criteria will support the Board’s recently approved Countywide Energy and Environmental Policy and our goal of reducing energy consumption.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Director of Internal Services to incorporate an energy consumption and savings factor into the criteria for prioritizing the deferred maintenance list; with the criteria to be consistent with those established by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for obtaining LEED certification for existing buildings.

7.13

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“There are currently 5,147 County-owned facilities which the County paid over \$4.7 billion to acquire or construct. The County has set aside funding in the budget for 406 additional capital projects that are valued at \$3.6 billion. While the County continues to build new facilities, there does not appear to be any funding plan for the long-term maintenance needs of the facilities that are being constructed.

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“The current system of building maintenance is one of proprietorship. Individual departments are responsible for maintaining and operating the buildings that they occupy. While this may work for some departments, it does not work for others. As an example, the Internal Services Department (ISD) maintains a fraction of the County facilities (approximately 600 facilities) for which the deferred maintenance is estimated at around \$200 million. This only represents a fraction of the facilities that the County owns and it is unclear what the maintenance needs of the County facilities truly are.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to:

1. Develop a long-term plan for funding the deferred maintenance list based on priority need and report to the Board in sixty days;
2. Evaluate the current system of building maintenance and report back to the Board with recommendations on how to improve the system; and
3. Provide an annual status report concurrent with the Proposed Budget of all major capital projects currently funded by the Board and including original budget, when the project was authorized, current budget, sources of funds, completion date and other relevant criteria to effectively track each project.

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7.14

The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky:

“Last Fiscal Year 2006-07, this Board approved the one-time use of Net County Cost (NCC), in the amount of \$6.5 million, to fund the Youth Jobs Program that funded community based organizations to provide employment opportunities for youth during the summer months. This funding made it possible for over 3,600 youth, ages 14 through 21, to access summer employment throughout the County of Los Angeles through a network of community based organizations contracted by Community and Senior Services (CSS). Many of these youth were CalWORKs eligible youth.

“Originally funded by the Federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) had been funded by CalWORKs Performance Incentive funds up until the funding source ended.

“Summer youth employment continues to be a challenge in the County, as Federal funding is no longer available for this very much needed program. There is a growing need for youth to be meaningfully engaged in positive activities during the summer months, and employment is vital to that experience. The elements of this motion complement Supervisor Yvonne Burke’s motion of March 13, 2007, which directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Human Resources to develop a County department-wide plan for summer youth employment, including a community based approach. As part of the community based approach, the Chief Administrative Officer has identified \$6.5 million to fund a Youth Jobs program.”

Therefore, Supervisor Knabe made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, that the Board take the following actions:

1. Approve the allocation of funds in the amount of \$6,500,000 to previously funded and contracted Youth Jobs service providers; and

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2. Delegate authority to the Director of Community and Senior Services, or her designee, to enter into contracts with appropriate Youth Job providers including the seven Workforce Investment Boards, to sustain the Youth Jobs Program during the summer of 2007, after Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel approval of the contract format.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The Summer Youth Jobs Program is a proven alternative for youth who might otherwise become involved in dangerous street activities during their long breaks away from school. Due to funding uncertainties last year, nearly \$800,000 of the \$6.5 million which this Board allocated for Summer Youth Jobs went unspent. This year, we are once again backfilling a historically Federal program; and once again we are risking that some of these funds will not reach the intended youth because many schools have already recessed for summer vacation.

“In an effort to ensure full utilization of these funds and in order to make this program equally accessible to students from traditional calendar and year-round schools, I believe the sunset date for this program ought to be extended beyond the existing September 30th deadline. Since the program is being funded locally, this Board can appropriately extend it to coincide with our fiscal calendar for increased utilization and effectiveness.”

Supervisor Burke made a suggestion that Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky's motion be amended to direct the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of the Community and Senior Services to make the full allocation of \$6.5 million for the Summer Youth Jobs Program available to all eligible participants through June 30, 2008. Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky accepted Supervisor Burke's amendment.

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the allocation of funds in the amount of \$6,500,000 to previously funded and contracted Sumer Youth Jobs service providers and directed the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Community and Senior Services to make the full allocation available to all eligible participants through June 30, 2008; and
2. Delegated authority to the Director of Community and Senior Services, or her designee, to enter into contracts with appropriate Youth Job providers including the seven Workforce Investment Boards, to sustain the Youth Jobs program during the summer of 2007, after Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel approval of the contract format.

7.15

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) is composed of 27 member cities across southeast Los Angeles County spanning three Supervisorial Districts, encompassing a combined population of over 2 million. The Gateway COG has taken up the complex issue of homelessness and has conducted a thorough review of the issue, how it impacts their cities, and the southeast region of the County at large. The Homeless Count and other recent data led them to conclude that they have approximately 15,000 individuals who are homeless on their streets on any given night, including families, the elderly, the mentally ill, and those suffering from substance abuse. In response, they have decided as a group to embark on what I believe is an unprecedented effort: to develop and implement a coordinated, regional approach to serving the homeless population in their large and diverse area of the County.

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“I believe that a key aspect of any solution to this problem will require nothing less than the full support of the cities and communities across the County. The fact that this significant body of local governments have come forward with a commitment to work in partnership with the County is an ideal situation, and I believe that we must do all we can to support it.

“The Gateway COG has committed to developing a comprehensive regional plan to address homeless issues in their region. They indicated their commitment to this issue in a letter to the Board of Supervisors dated August 2, 2006, which the Chief Administrative Officer responded to on April 2, 2007, informing them of his intent to recommend that \$1.2 million in annual funding be made available to the Gateway COG.”

Lari Sheehan, Assistant Administrative Officer, answered questions posed by the Board.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to move \$1.2 million from the central Homeless and Housing budget to the Provisional Financing Uses budget for the Gateway COG as follows:

- An amount not to exceed \$150,000 will be set aside on a one-time basis to retain a consultant to work with the Gateway COG to develop a Homeless Services Strategy; and
- Upon submission and approval of the Strategy, an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million per year to fund capital and service activities identified in the Strategy.

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7.16

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“The Los Angeles County Child Support Services Department goes to great lengths to pursue collection of child support payments on behalf of families in need, and always seeks to establish cooperative relationships with the parent required to make payments. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of parents currently in the County’s system that go to great lengths to evade their child support obligations, even after arrest warrants have been issued. There are approximately 2,000 parents who fall into this category, and they owe over \$2.5 million in child support payments. Far too many families are struggling to pay their bills because these individuals choose to evade or ignore their responsibilities. On April 3, 2007, on my motion, the Board of Supervisors ordered CSSD to initiate a partnership with the District Attorney to develop a plan to increase enforcement against parents who are the most delinquent in their child support payments.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back prior to the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed with a plan to fund \$500,000 for the Child Support Services Department for the purpose of funding a collaborative effort with the District Attorney to increase enforcement against parents who are the most delinquent in their child support payments.

7.17

Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“On any given night, there are a significant number of veterans who are living on the streets. The 2005 Homeless Count in Los Angeles County estimated that number to be over 15,000, but there is every indication that number is likely much higher in 2007. Lack of access to services and housing, serious mental health issues, poor strategic planning and a plethora of bureaucratic red tape stand in the way between these honorable men and women and their health and well-being.

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“We all know the well-documented failures of the service system set in place to assist veterans. While it is my belief that it is ultimately the responsibility of the Federal government to address those problems, we cannot stand by and wait for solutions to emerge from Washington while there are veterans living on our streets right now who are suffering, and we anticipate a new influx of veterans who will be coming into our service systems that will require our help.

“I believe that the impetus to take action can and should come from the local level. Our Board has made a financial commitment to address the homeless problem in Los Angeles County, and the need to better serve homeless veterans has been raised time and again. The City of Long Beach has a highly effective continuum of care in place to address the homeless problem, and it is believed that up to 14% of the total number of homeless veterans in Los Angeles County can be found in the Long Beach area.

“Instituting a program specifically designed for homeless veterans and their special needs will be an effective means not only to address the very serious homeless problem impacting our communities, but to also honor these men and women for their military service by making sure they don’t fall through the cracks.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to work in coordination with the City of Long Beach to develop a comprehensive service package to improve and enhance specialized services for homeless veterans in the Long Beach area, and report back with an implementation plan within 90 days.

In addition, the Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to move \$500,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District’s allocation of ongoing stabilization center funds from the Homeless and Housing budget, to the Provisional Financing Uses budget for homeless veterans to support the service enhancements identified in the plan.

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The County faces a looming worker shortage. With the appropriate resources and training, Student Workers, Student Professional Workers, and interns/externs could become our next generation of career County employees. The County already invests in Student Workers. Over eight hundred Student Workers, who work between 20-40 hours while attending school, are responsible for carrying out a variety of duties within various County departments. While the County trains and invests fiscal resources in these students, there is no formal mechanism for identifying whether they matriculate into full-time employees.

“A coordinated Student Worker Program could ensure that Student Workers are exposed to a broad range of County career opportunities. This new position would facilitate networking events, professional development seminars and other positive initiatives to increase retention of these employees with the County.

“The County has seen success with department specific programs, such as the Career Development Intern Program, which places children who have matriculated from foster care into County positions and provides resources and support. I propose the development of an integrated, Countywide system for managing this workforce.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$150,000 in ongoing funding from the Provisional Financing Uses budget to the Department of Human Resources budget to fully fund a new Student Worker Coordinator personnel position, any essential support staff and ancillary expenses.

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In addition, the Board directed the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Personnel to jointly report back, with the status of their progress in creating and implementing such a position, prior to the meeting in September when the 2007-08 Supplemental Budget will be discussed.

Patricia Ploehn, Director of Children and Family Services answered various questions posed by the Board regarding the implementation plan for the Title 4-E Waiver.

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